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IMPORTANT VESTRY MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the Vestry of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Monday, Dec 6th, at the Church office, 22-3-D, from 7:00 P. M. All members are urged to be present.

THE COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written forour learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that by patience and comfort of thy Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of ever lasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

ISSEI SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 5, Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa
7:00 A. M. Rec. Hall 10
Holy Eucharist, Fr. Shoji
7:00 A. M. 32-12

NISEI SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 5, Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa
8:00 A. M. Rec. Hall 10
Church School, F. Watanabe
10:45 A. M. Rec. Hall 10

Holy Eucharist, Fr. Kitagawa
9:30 A. M. 32-12
Church School, M. Tahara
10:30 A. M. 32-12

Weekdays, Monday through Saturdays- 22-3-D
Holy Eucharist
6:45 A. M. Church Chapel

THE REV. CHIYOKICHI KITAGAWA

By the Rt. Rev. S. S. Nichols D.D.

Bishop Nichols, the Bishop of Salinas, who had been Bishop of Kyoto many years writes about Rev. Chiyokichi Kitagawa, father of the Rev. Daisuke and Joseph Kitagawa. Because the Bishop was unable to be here to celebrate the requim Monday morning, November 22nd he writes:

When I arrived in Kyoto, as Bishop, I found there a large group of elderly Priests, each one almost old enough to have been my father. In dealing with them I had always in my mind St. Paul's advice to St. Timothy-the Young Bishop whom he had left in Ephesus: "Rebuke not an older, but intreat him as father." The Rev. Chiyokichi Kitagawa was an older with whom it was easy to work on this basis.

Because he was so much my senior I can say nothing about his early life and work except what I have heard from others. At a time when Formosa was still a strange, difficult place to the Japanese people he offered himself to do Christian missionary work there. The fruits of his work were abundant; but life there finally weakened his own health, and cost the life of his wife.

I found him the center of a happy congregation in Yamato; a man of about sixty years of age; his manner characterized by quietness, ruling his family and congregation more, I am sure by what he WAS than by what he SAID. I saw him in certain situations where that quiet manner of ruling seemed momentarily inadequate; but I saw it in the end win through and bring all the members of the congregation to the desired goal That other much praised quality, efficiency, usually keeps progress right on the charted course, but it too often alienates some of the Group beyond any possibility of reconsiliation. The Rev. Chiyokichi Kitagawa cared more about having things done Gods way than having it done with impresive rapidity. He had a quiet confidence and purposefulness which smacked ofheaven and eternity rather than of hectic, short-sighted world in which he lived. But asI saw him I felt that-the wellspring ofhis thought, worship, and life was in a Bible which was alway upon the table in the center of his living room.

In the debates at the Diocesan Convention, some of them very hot-the Rev. Chiyokichi Kitagawa

Took part in the same quiet way. Though he spoke not very often, his words were listened to with respect. Often, I am sure, his quiet presence kept more talkative persons from saying some of the controversial, extreme things which were in their minds.

After his retirement he came to live in Kyoto City, where I could see him more frequently than at Yagi. He was not there long. His quiet way, it would seem, had made it possible for him to "carry on" until he had spent almost all his strength in the Master's work. It was my privilege to give him his last Communion, and to be with him in his last hours. Although there was always between us a happy and fruitful relation as Priest and Bishop, as I stood at his bedside I was conscious also of his fatherliness. His passage into the as yet unseen world deepened my conviction that for the true Christian there is no fear and no failure in death. Although his children were not at his bedside at the time there was no sense of separation there, "in Christ" all his loved ones were with him. It was with perfect confidence that we pray, "May he rest in peace; may perpetual light shine upon him."

IN THE MAIL BAG

Paul Louie from Cambridge, Massachusetts...I have just finished looking over the Minidoka Churchman which someone has so kindly sent me. In addition to refreshing my pleasant memories of Hunt, the bulletin is also a reminder to write my long-delayed letter.... A few days ago at the International Students Dance for Greater Boston, I met some Japanese students. I noticed one couple seem to be dancing too much with each other and thinking they were Chinese, I decided to "crash" them. After inviting the girl to dance, and from the introduction found out she was from Berkeley and studying at Boston University. I then introduced her boy friend and her to my Boston friends. Suffice it to say that many of the Chinese boys and later some of the China-born students danced with her. I know how the younger Japanese feel here-----here--they are quite self-conscious and hesitant, not knowing what kind of reception the Chinese young---people may give them--. One of my girl friends has invited this Japanese girl to drop in on the Chinese girl's club at the local Y. W. C. A. With best regards to you....

Florence Anazawa writes ..... Its been snowing quite a lot and covering the campus with an "ermine" coat. Really quite beautiful. I wish that I Had a camera with which I could catch some of the beautiful scenery. One of the girls that I have come to know quite well, lives in Houghton Hall which is the most luxurious of the girls dorms, and is located a little ways from the college. The grounds of the dorm include a sunken garden. I've joined the Outing Club, which is the Athletic club of the campus. We had our first meeting last Wed. and discussed plans for the coming winter which includes skiing, ice skating hikes and a week-end trip to cornell....Well, regards to everyone, also.

Elizabeth Shoji. Greetings from Hays, Kansas. I suppose you are wondering how I got along during my trip. The numerous people I got acquainted with on the trip were all so nice and sincere to me. No one bothered to ask whether I was Chinese or Japanese. The train was delayed all the way to Denver. I saw Aiko and Yuri for a couple of minutes and then had to dash back, to the station. I was in doubt as to whether or not I could get on for the service men come first, and the conductor had said all full. I told him I would be willing to sit on my suitcase so he said O. K.. Father MacLaurey was at the station to meet me. The train was on schedule then. Both Father and Mrs. MacLaurey are just wonderful..... I attend three services at different places on Sunday. My, I'll become religious yet. The services are similar to yours, but the community as a whole being high church I'll have to get accustomed to it.... This afternoon Fr. MacLaurey is driving me down to Salinas to visit Bishop and Mrs.. Nichols. I'm sure I'll have a nice time ....Please convey my best wishes to all the Church members.

Mother Superior, Mary Ambrose, Kemper Hall, Kenosha, Wisconsin..... The girls are looking forward to a happy week. They have been invited to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Merril, a Kemper Hall alumna, whose daughter is also a recent graduate. She lives on the South Side of Chicago near Father Yamazaki and has invited him to visit the childfen in her home. On Sunday they are to visit the home of Mr. Fujimoto in Evanston. I understand that he is a close friend of Alice's parents. I know we can make them happy here if the girls do not have any invitations for Christmas so do not worry. Regards.

Pfc. Fred Nagaro writes from Camp Atterbury, Indiana...I'm sorry to say that I have not attended an Episcopal Church as yet. My excuse are so poor that I will not attempt to give any. However, I am eagerly looking for the opportunity to go to Indianapolis and attend one of the services....As far as the army life goes, there isn't much to say since one day is very similar to the next. I am in good health and working hard. The weather being much warmer these last few days makes everything more cheerful..... Mr. H. H. Okuda, Amache, Colorado.. Toyo is finally settled in Phil. with Dorothy Hayasaka and Mariko Ozaki. They have rented a three room apartment and have started housekeeping. I suppose they are having a lot of fun. When Toyo and Dorothy arrived in Philadelphia the WRA office sent them to a quaker home to stay temporarily. Mr. and Mrs. Carson took real interest in them and treated them like a part of their family. They helped them furnish their apartment and invited them to Sunday dinner....Toyo says she is going to work for the Friend Society, the pay is small but the work that is worth while...Mrs. Okuda's going to work in the hospital inspired quite many of the people and others went to work lately. I am very glad that she can be of service to the others....

From Father Otani of Honolulu comes It is good to hear of my good friends that are around you. Canon Marner was organist at our Seabury Western Theological Seminary at Evanston, Illinois, and Fr. Leabo was also in the same class as Canon Marner. If Mr. Courtenay Barber were the same Mr. Barber, who was the outstanding leader of St. Andrews Brotherhood in Chicago, then I know him well. Really it is a small world. On October 31, we had a special Sunday morning service as the Navy Day Service with a special speaker, Mr. George Freeman, a service man from National City, Calif. He is well acquainted with Bishop of Boise. We shall remember you in our prayers from time to time. May God bless you and your work.

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TRIP TO POCATELLO

Very few people within the center and on the outside realize there are over one hundred Japanese and Japanese descendants settled in the Pocatello district. The history goes back to the last World War I when a great many of the Japanese citizens had volunteered and served in the U. S. Army. After the war the government had obtained jobs for them with railroad companies and thus these people found their home in the Pocatello area. Their wives and children started farming and they were happily settled down until World War II broke out and then the community people tried to oust them from that community. Free evacuees and people from this center tried to relocate within that area but already there were many Japanese in that area Seasonal workers were allowed to come into Pocatello during the harvest season.

In the city of Pocatello there is a Japanese dentist, a barber and a photographer and they are one among the community, well-liked and respected.

Many Japanese people are engaged in farming in Tyhii which is located between Pocatello and Ft. Hall. At Ft. Hall is located an Indian Reservation in which the Episcopal Church has the Good Shepherd Mission. Here I had the privilege of taking the Thanksgiving Service and I remembered all those who were near and dear to us and especially those at Hunt. Once a month the Bishop of Idaho visits this Mission to celebrate Holy Eucharist. Deaconess Simes has charge of the other services and church school. The difficulties of her work among the Indians is beyond reach because she has such a large territory to cover with so many people and very little cooperation. I found the Indian customs and language very interesting and hope some day there will be a native priest who will come among them and enlighten the other people. Until such time, let us pray and help Deaconess Simes.

Deaconess Peppers, Frank Watanabe and myself enjoyed our visit thoroughly and hope we can go back to the Pocatello district in the very near future.

MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Young Matrons Club at the home of Mrs. Paul Shigaya, 4-8-F from 2:00 P. M. Sunday, December 5th.